In the Specification:

Page 16, first full paragraph, as amended:

--The thrust exerted by driving the means for dragging, advancing or pushing the dripping elements 4 even after the contact of the latter with the pipe 5 has occurred, may be easily modulated or adjusted, by providing that the junction between said dragging, advancing or pushing means may be disengaged when the dripping element 4 reaches a certain resistance to advance. In this case, the rollers of the roller way 103 may be provided with a contact surface having a predetermined friction with respect to the bearing surface of the dripping elements 4, so that a friction effect of the dripping elements 4 on the rollers 103 is obtained. The dragging, advancing, and/or pushing means may be disengaged from the dripping elements 4, in the area situated downstream from the area of first contact with the pipe (5), when a predetermined pressure thereof against the pipe (5) is attained, due to the different advance speeds. Alternatively, as shown in fig. 3, when a push-bar 10 is used, the latter may have a pushing head 110 which may be elastically retracted to a predetermined extent on the stem 210 and against the action of elastic means acting as an elastic damper 310, which are appropriately dimensioned as regards their force or elastic constant.--